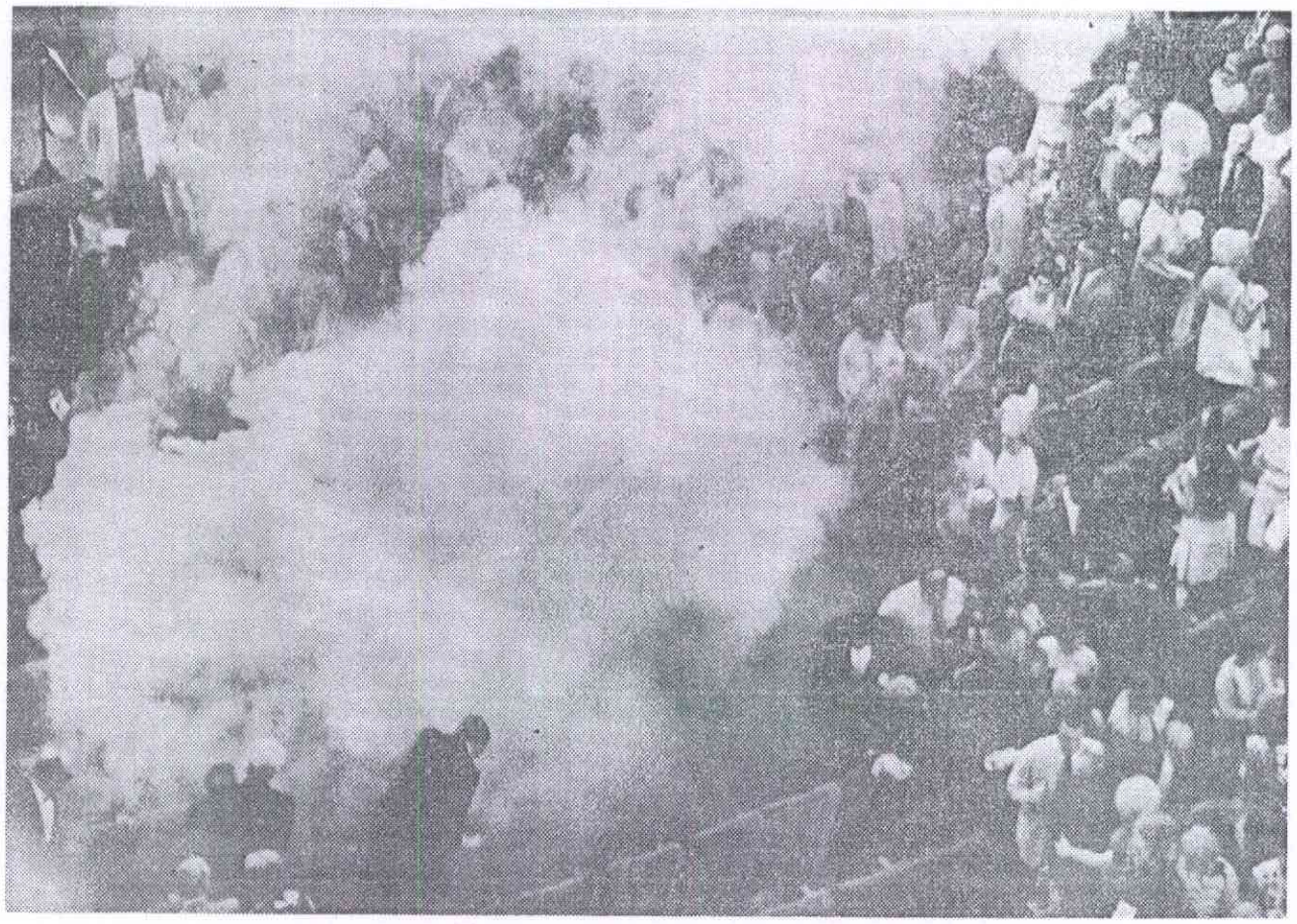

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Tear gas canister thrown from balcony explodes during Wednesday's performance in Chicago by Russia's Moiseyev dancers.

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Black Militant Held in Fatal Bombing

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 27 (AP) —A black militant wanted in connection with the booby-trap bombing death of an Omaha patrolman surrendered to police today.

David L. Rice, 23-year-old minister of information for the National Committee to Combat Fascism, was arraigned on a charge of illegally possessing explosives. Bail was set at $25,000.

He had been sought on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to commit murder.

Rice was one of 16 persons —15 young black men and one young white woman—who were arrested or charged in connection with the Aug. 17 death of Patrolman Larry D. Minard, 29.

Minard was killed and seven other policemen were injured when a suitcase loaded with dynamite exploded in Minard's face after the patrolmen were lured to a vacant house by a telephone call.

Still at large is Duance C. Peak, a high school dropout who turned 16 on Wednesday. He is charged with first-degree murder.

Rice came to the police community relations headquarters on Omaha's predominantly Negro Near North Side accompanied by civil rights activist Ernest Chambers, a candidate for the state legislature.

Of the 13 young blacks originally arrested in connection with the case, 10 have been released for lack of evidence. They included the chairman and a member of the National Committee to Combat Fascism, an offshoot of the Black Panther Party.

Gassing Incident Draws Protest From Russia

The Soviet Union complained to the State Department yesterday over Wednesday night's disruption of a performance by Russia's touring Moiseyev dance troupe in Chicago.

Four persons were injured when a tear gas canister was thrown into the audience of 3,500 at the Civic Opera House. The performance was canceled and the audience evacuated. No arrests were made.

Valentin M. Kamenev, cultural counselor of the Soviet Embassy here, presented an "oral protest" over the incident and asked for protection against any repetition, the State Department said.

Earlier, department spokesman John F. King said, "We very much regret this unfortunate incident and hope it does not have a harmful effect on the cultural exchange program" under which Soviet group is touring here.